"Back jumped ut from the cou as quickly as a cat as I came in the and went toward the dining room. When I got my revolver and seen. I passed into the breakfast nook, and, looking through into the dining room, I saw the portieres together. I walked in and Beck stepped out boldly. He looked me in the eye. I was just four fee

"I said, 'Now you get out of my house, you cur. "I thought be might be armed did not know," he continued. jumped in and brought my gun down on his boad with great force. The impact discharged the weapon. That

is the truth. Could any red-blooded American do anything else when his confidence is violated, his home invaded and his faithful wife insuited and violently attacked?" he demanded. "So help me God, I never intended to kill Beck. loved him like a brother.

"Frem the appearance of the skull or brain but passed out and struck somewhere in the woodwork of the house," said Coroner McWilliams

LIQUOR ROBBERIES KEEP POLICE BUSY

Caretaker of Connecticut Esta Badly Benten by Thugs.

BRIDGEPORT, April 6.-Robbert severely beat William Given, caretaker previous industrial trouble. at the summer home of Charles M. Tainter, a New York manufacturer, at Roschill, Southwort, last Wednesday night, it was learned to-day. Police are also investigating half a dozer other robberies in summer homes i Southport and Greenfield Hill, in which

stored liquors worth thousands of doliars were taken.

The robbers had beaten Given and were trying to truss him up with a rope when his shouts were heard by cope when his shouts were much capt. Albert S. Pike, who scared them

BOWIE ENTRIES.

RACE TRACK, BOWIE, Md., April morrow's races:

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OURTH RACE.—Purse \$1,263.57; cl ; four-year-olds and upward; six - Kirah
- Arapahoe
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FIFTH RACE -Purse \$1,263.37; the 3º Ali Fair
11º War Note

— St. Donard
19 Tern McTaggart

— Mock Orange
4 Hobey Baker SIXTH RACE .- Purse \$1,263.37; claiming

SEVENTH RACE -Puries; four-year-olds and a furiong. Handrie Car Walk Up Stack Rouves Clean Gone John Arbor Anna Gallup r clear. Track fast.

BOWIE SELECTIONS.

BOWIE RACE TRACK, April 5 .- The Evening World selections for to-mor-row's races are as follows: FIRST RACE—Better Luck, Whitney entry, Choose entry, SECOND RACE—Archive, Pattern,

THIRD RACE-The Nephew, Bet-Inda, Jeck Sect. FOURTH RACE-Turnabout, Cameu-FIFTH RACE-Tom McTaggart, All Fair, War Note: SIXTH RACE-Huonec, Weary, At-

SEVENTH RACE - Walk Up. Car.

BOWIE SCRATCHES.

(Special to The Evening World.)
RACE TRACK, BOWIE, Md., April .- Following are the early withdrawals from to-day's events: SECOND RACE—Annette Teller, Brolaski, Lady Zeus, Uncle's Lassie, THIRD RACE—Monastery, Hidden Jewel, Applejack, Arapahoe, Ticklish,

Frantula.

BIXTH BACE—Weary.

PROGRESSIVE ENERGY. (From the Baltimere American.) He—My dear, I have just paid off the mortgage on our home.

She—I'm so glad. Now you can put
on another and buy an automobile.

Headaches from Blight Cais.

10 HKOMO QUINNING Tablets soon headaches caused from Colds. A lazative and germ destroyer. The se bears the signature of E. W. Grove.

CAPITAL PURSUES HANDS-OFF POLICY TO SPEED WORK ON

President Doesn't Regard the Walkout as Emergency, His Advisers Declare.

CONGRESS STIRRED UP.

Legislators From Coal States Being Urged to Act Before Famine Results.

By David Lawrence. (Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, April 5 (Copyright toward the coal strike is unique. reflect an equanimity over the situation which is in contrast to the mood of the Government on occasions of

Asked whether the Government will ake a hand if a coal famine results, Cabinet members say they expect no famine. Would the Government take hand if the coal supply is exhausted and prices are raised? To this, too, comes the calm answer that, of course, the Administration would not look with favor upon such a course if pursued by the operators, and that would be most unfortunate if the consumer suffered-but no prediction fied reports, production had continued is made that even on that occasion the Government would be justified in ntervening.

Altogether, one gets the impression n Government quarters that the coal strike is regarded from a purely economic viewpoint as not an unmixed blessing. One Cabinet official declines even to call the present sus-pension of work a "strike." He refers to it as "an extended conversa-He says both sides will understand each other better when the disagreement is settled.

There's no harm in what's being done, no suffering anticipated, no serious outcome to be feared—this is the attitude of officials toward the coal situation, and is is pointed out that both sides have resources sufficient to deal with a long period of dleners at the mines.

The truth is that there is a surplus of coal. The operators want to get rid of it. The strike gives them that When the surplus is gone, the miners feel the operators will t nore reasonable about wages and working conditions. Maybe the operstors will be-they will have to be mindful of the public's demand for coal and they will not be able to suspend production indefinitely. But they raise prices, Government oficials hint that imported coal may come in competition in the domestic market. Possibly the tariff will cure it, but with the cheap cost of transportation even a tariff, it is contended, would not keep out coal if domestic prices were unduly inflated.

From the White House, incidentally, omes the information that the President doesn't regard the strike as an emergency. There is every indicas keeping its pledge made to the busi would not use its power to interfere in labor difficulties.

The effect of the Administration policy has bee nto stir up things in Congress where naturally the pressure from the miners is greatest. Senators and members of the House from States where miners are out of work are being urged to do something before exhaustion sets in and suffering begins. Everything points to a hands-off policy at the White House and Government departments, something that is gratifying to the operators, who believe they can win if the lovernment keeps out; but one cannot be as certain that Congress wil ignore the issue, especially as the votes of labor are as numerous as ever this campaign year.

IRISH TRY TO SEIZE **BIG SHIPMENT OF** 18-POUND SHELLS

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eavily guarded since the attack on th Freeman's Journal.

Groups of young men from the country are pouring into Dublin

nany enlisting in the regula L. R. A. This is probably due to the fact that the irregulars have stopped all Free State recruiting in many of the rural districts, so supporters of the Pro-visional Government are forced to come to the capital to join up.

Despite the increasing political

strain, Justice Gordon, opening the as-sizes, told the Grand Jury that crime and disorder in the metropolitan police area showed a marked reduction.

Bishop Doherty of Clonfert, speak ing at Loughrea, denounced the activi ties of the new army as immoral. The irregulars, he said, could make no claim to represent the Nation, but were trying to set themselves up as a military junts, masters instead of which servants of the people. If civil war obtain." he soldiers, but murderers and rob- men invaded the town and wrecked

All business in the town of Swinford. County Mayo, was closed by day arrested three Free State order of the unofficial I. R. A., but officers, who were compared reports fall to say why the order was Fermoy, County Cork, is five of the given. As it was the local market Peace Treaty with Great Holman

MINE CHIEFS HERE IN COAL STRIKE WAGE AGREEMENT

Strike Headquarters Moves to New York, With Lewis Joining Council.

National headquarters of the coal strike will be transferred to this city Lewis, International President of the Inited Mine Workers, who is expected to use every effort to speed up the anthracite wage negotiations.

International and district members of the Anthracite General Scale Committee, forty strong, already have begun to arrive in response to a call issued by Thomas Kennedy, Presi-1922). - The Government's attitude dent of the committee. They, with Mr. Lewis, will discuss emergencies conversations with Cabinet officers which have arisen since the strike was called last Saturday.

One of the chief problems confrontng the committee, it was said, was whether it would accept the alleged offers of several small independent companies to comply with the miners' nineteen demands if the men would return to work.

Mr. Lewis also is expected to aid the committee in devising plans for enforcing the strike in semi-unionized districts where, according to unverisince the suspension order became effective. Detailed reports of the status of the suspension in the anthracife fields probably will begin to arrive to-day.

· Philip Murray, Vice President of the Mine Worker's International, predicted that Mr. Lewis, coming fresh from his experiences before the House Labor Committee's investigation would inject new vigor into the wage negotiations. He probably will assume ommand of the miners' offensive, Mr. Murray said, in the battle of statistics which they have waged with the operators for nearly three

weeks. In accordance with an agreement reached last night, operators were expected to-day to order sunperintendents of certain anthracite mines to come to New York for instructions as to employment of union meafor maintenance of property while the

OPERATORS DISCUSS COAL CONFERENCE

Pittsburgh Vein Association to Decide on Participation at Meeting

CLEVELAND, April 5 .- A meeting of the Pittsburgh Vein Operators' Association of the central competitive oal field has been called for this afternoon or to-morrow morning to consider the request of Chairman Nolan of the House Labor Committee that the operators and miners confer in Washington April 10. The conferness men in the last campaign that it | ence is described as the first step it an effort to settle the Nation-wide coal strike. Michael Gallagher, President of the association, announced the call

for the meeting to-day. ST. LOUIS, April 5.—The scale committees of the three Illinois coal oper matters' associations will meet in Chi-cago to-morrow at 10 A. M. to decide if they will meet union representatives April 10, as requested by the House

here to-day.

TOLEDO, O., April 5.—The Ohio Col-lieries Company, largest individual cost operating company in Ohio, will not be represented in the proposed joint con-ference of miners and operators in Washington on April 10.

HIGHER WAGE OFFERS FAIL TO LURE MINERS

Only Effect, Says Union Leader, Is to Strengthen Hopes for General Increase. (Special to The Evening World

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 6 .- Offern of increased wages by certain independent anthracite operators to miners, said to amount to \$2 a day, will not be accepted, it is positively declared to-day. At the same time the of weakening on the part of the ope rators. Just why such an offer should be made at this cally stage of the strike is explained by C. F. Foley of the American Federation of Labor.

"The miners can easily get his wages at any time to operate separate collieries, when a strike is un der way," he said, "for they "touid be furnishing coal to break own strike. In other words, they would be accepting money to cut their own throats.

"If the strike continues a few weeks coal will be sold at a premium and for every dollar received by the miners the consumers will pay three. Foley admitted an offer of 20 per cent. increase in wages had been made by certain operators.

"This may be regarded as a smar attempt to break up the solidarity of the miners." he said. "But it has the miners," he said. enly resulted in stimulating the demand of the miners for a permanent wage increase, for which they enter tained rather slight hopes at first, but which they are now determined to

some of the shops. Armed Republican insurgents to day, some traders refused to close Several shots were fired during the shops, whereupon over 100 armed excitement,

To Be the Victim of a Bigamist WOMEN PROPOSE HYLAN AS MODEL "Follies" Girl, Who Is Alleged



WEDS PEGGY DAVIS 17 DAYS AFTER HE MARRIED ANOTHER

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plied to the law for justice for them

According to Mrs. Laird, Grafton met her daughter five years ago in St. Augustine, Fla., when she was only a mite of twelve and employed as a

mother to their union. And less than three weeks before his bride in Youngs wn. Miss in her shaken, nervous condition the which George Grafton, the father of Joseph, is heavily interested.

Grafton told Mrs. Laird and her daughter that he hadn't much money but expected to get some shortly. He and Peggy took an unpretentio West 9 Peggy was happier than ever she had

Meantime Grafton had been writing his bride in Youngstown and several weeks ago brought her to New York and secured a room for her in the Hotel Langwell. While there she was told by her husband's friends that was married to Peggy Davis. Grafton, she says, assured her that he had only a friendly interest in Peggy and told her the location of the sanitarium where the girl was recuperating.

Mrs Grafton No. 1 made an unexpected call at the sanitarium and was lenied permission to see the sick girl. Some one telephoned to Mrs. Laird and then the girl who claimed Grafton is her husband was connected with ner on the wire and an appointment was made for a meeting with Mrs. Laird's attorney, Joseph Bickel, of No. 1475 Broadway. The appeal to District Attorney Banton followed the

Mrs. Lated said that Grafton alvays professed to be hard up and to aid in hunting him down here. nade a trip to Philadelphia to secure Failing there he went to funds. but Peggy was dving and was conto that meanage, she said, Grafton came to New York, but instead of

The mother of Peggy said that in Graften's last letter from Wilkes-Barre, he wrote that he was then ooking into the inky waters of the Susquehanna.

VITAMINE LACK KILLS PIGS; LOSS IS \$50,000,000

Too Much Corn Fed. Is Reason Assigned by Kansas Agriculturists.

BURMINGHAM. Als . April 5. -Pigs valued at more than \$50,-000,000 died this string from discases resulting from insufficient vitamines in their food, according to a report by J S. Hughes and H. B. Winchester of the Kansas Agricultural College, prethe United States is use to the

feeding of too much corn."

SHATTUCK ROBBERY PLOTTED IN CHICAGO, POLICE NOW LEARN

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made the trip from Chicago delayed their scheduled programme. Boutlat and two of his men came on ahead by train to perfect their plans on the round. Diesat and Maurice Decair, following in the automobile, were arrested in Bridgeport and were in jail juvenile in a motion picture concern, six months following a charge of At that time Grafton professed to be having revolvers in their possession deeply in love with the child and cherdeeply in love with the child and cher-ished her image always until he postponed robbery was under-gained the consent of herself and her taken.

Mr. Shattuck was with the Distric Attorney yesterday and again to-day e married her, the records show, he He was endeavoring to arrange with had made Miss Ellen Curley McIntyre Mr. Banton to spare Mrs. Shattuck McIntyre had been employed as a strain of appearing before the Grand bookkeeper in the Marietta Chair Jury and rehearsing the story of the kind of an example are we to present Company's offices in Pittsburgh, in attack of the robbers on her and her in a public park for the edification of confinement with the rest of the household in the airtight, sound-proof wine vault in which they would all have been suffocated had not Mr. Shattuck's ingenious use of a penknife and a dime enabled him to throw back the bolt of the lock.
Inasmuch as Mrs. Shattuck, who

speaks French fluently and positively identified Bouilat by his conversation when he forced her to give him the jewelry she was wearing, is an et ential witness, Mr. Banton said he could not excuse her from testifying. Out of consideration for her condition, they were of the impression that he however, he consented to defer the Grand Jury hearing from to-morrow until next week.

The indignation of Mr. Shattuck against the robbers and the police weight. At least if his views on art system which let them run loose to carry out their designs does not cool ship his letter need not be taken too with time. He has pledged himself to head a subscription for any movement with \$1,000 which will give residents of Washington Square some as-surance of safety in their homes and to by Miss Sires, said: aid in the capture and conviction of he thieves.

The Courries des Etats-Unis is re sponsible for the statement that the police here have learned that Boullat nas a criminal record in France and that the Paris police have been asked

Fourth Deputy Commissioner John J. Cray, in announcing a new law the fee for a pistol permit from \$1 to \$1.50, disclosed that \$5,000 pistol perweing her went to the rooms where and Peggy had lived and took way his clothing and research have been to bankers, brokers and other Wall Street men and their emthe danger of hold-ups "below the dead line."

A movement toward a thorough investigation by civic and business orcrimes against life and property in New York City under Commission Enright's administration has been put on foot by the Washington Square Association as a direct result of the Shattuck robbery. The association is to co-operate with other organizations in the inquiry.

There was a meeting of members of the association last night at the home of G. T. Kirby at No. 7 East Ninth Street. These present are members f a special committee and included Mr. Shattuck, who was President of the association for even years; Rob-ert W. de Ferest, John L. Willie. Clarkson Cowl, former Sheriff David Knott, the Rev. Howard Duffield. Herbert Johnston, John Farr, Arold Richards and Ernest Collyer, all estients and property owners in the addressor Source district.

a to order a constructive programmo properties in improving conditurns. Surfestions for making the move citywide will be discussed at the meeting Friday.

FOR REAL "CIVIC VIRTUE" STATUE American Sculptors' Society, favored the MacMonnies statue. Miss. Elizabeth King Black, a member of the National Women's Party,

emale. We hardly think that a mere

HOPES CITY WILL BE ENRICHED WITH ARTISTIC WORK.

The Rev. Ernest M. Stires, rector

of Saint Thomas's Church, said, in

"When the Municipal Art Commis-

nore and morn adorn our great city.

It is difficult to believe that the law

having been passed, we do not not

propose to sumbit to it. Many good

citizens are disturbed at the wide-

obey law, but the situation will be-

come serious, indeed, if our city gov-

ernment shall ally itself with that

tendency. I am confident that all op-

position to the statue of "Civic

Virtue" has been based upon mis-

understnading, and I cherish the hope

that this misunderstanding will soon

disappear and our city be enriched with another artistic work of highest

distinction. It is difficult to see how

Mr. MacMonies could have hit upon

a theme more appropriate for the

greatest maritime city of the world,

A letter from the Women's Club of

"Civic Virtue" group, claiming that

Clarice M. Baright, a lawyer of No.

170 Broadway, said it was unfair to

the masses, who have not had the op-

portunity to obtain an artistic educa-

Virtue" to their daily gaze. She said

there was some question as to

whether or not the foot of the male

figure rested on the necw of one of

When the Mayor asked which was

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin of No. 661

West 179th Street opposed the Mac-

Monnies statue. So did Joseph John-

son, Commissioner of Public Works

Alexander Cummings, president of

he University Forum of America

said a statue of George Washington

nore appropriate for City Hall Park.

He did not question the artistic excel-

lence of the MacMonnies statue, but

be a museum, where only the appre-

ienls, I suppose," said the Mayor.

"You refer to those who have high

"Yes," replied Mr. Cummings.

nythology and allegory and who have

studied the works of the great

and not seen it. It was at this junc

lashed, the Mayor going to the de-

Park Commissioner Gallatin caused

onsternation among the women when be announced that he believed the

Those sirens at the feet of Civic

The women giggled and then mer

uffawed. Encouraged by this mixed

nonstration Mr. Gallatin continued

"Coming down to the office this

orning I passed a bill board on

which the devil himself was repre

sented as a man. Why the devil is always a man, yet I do not hear the

nen objecting. They're used to it. It

is contended that the women are held

yoman who tempts a man to do good

hould be complimented. I'm in favor

of putting up the Mac Monnies statue

dies are "slightly off the track.

m," declared Mr. Gallatin.

or some great public man would be

more appropriate for City Hall Park

a statue like that of Nathan Hale or

group like "Civic Virtue"

the prostrate female figures.

of Manhattan.

nasters.

represented mediaeval ideas.

opposed the MacMonnies

onster of animal form.

part, in a letter:

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ndicated that he will be guided by the advice of Commissioner Gallatin, who favors the MacMonnies group. With Mrs. Hylan and her daughter Virginia Hylan Sinnott and Miss Frances Rokus, the Mayor's assistant ecertary, occupying places of hono n the Board of Estimate horseshoe, the Mayor opened the second hearing on the statue imbroglio by listening to letters from prominent clergymen and art organizations-nine in all-

ambasting the Hylan Administration

for interfering with a work of art. There was a serious row between Mayor Hylan and First Deputy Comptroller Henry Smith when the Mayor charged that Smith, who was a Park Commissioner under Mayor McClellan when "Civic Virtue" was ordered, was counsel for MacMonnies. "I don't suppose it is generally known that Mr. Smith has been ounsel for MacMonnies who executed Civic Virtue," said the Mayor during a controversy between Mr. Smith and Alex Cummings, President of the University Forum of America. Mr. Smith faced the Mayor when he heard the accusation.

"Why, Mr. Mayor,' he said in a tense voice, "I am urprised and grieved to hear you make such statement. You know that I have never been nor am I at the present time counsel for Mr. MacMonnies, I am merely a friend and I am proud and it is equally difficult to conceive

treated with a greater degree of moral "We'll go right along," interrupted and artistic purity." the Mayor as Mr. Smith was about to

snapped Smith, bending toward the Mayor, who sat within a few feet of Mrs. Hylan and her daughter

watched intently. Mr. Smith, who is six feet three and weighs about 250 tion to expose a riddle like "Civio pounds, saw the Mayor's wife and daughter and sank back resignedly into his seat. President of the

Women's National Democratic Club, bitterly attacked Civic Virtue. She said she had visited hospitals for the insane and studied various types of hallucinations. One insane man imagined he was Adonis and strutted a back and forth bowing to the plaudits Mayor's followers applauded.
of imaginary women. The concept Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin of of Imaginary women. of Civic Virtue, she said, was paralle to this in a sense in that it repre-sented a pure type of manhood with so-called impure half women, half

fish crawling and cringing at his feet.
"The idea that the manly form typifies civic virtue is far beyond me." said Mrs. Sire. "They tell, us that the women who are crawling are not wholly women but half women, half fish. Admitting that the lower extremities are fish ike, why should a man kick a poor harmless fish? First the men put us on a pedestal and tell us we are all that is virtuous and lovely. Then one of them makes half woman, half fish out of us to typify all that is evil. Was man

ever more inconsistent? "Ne city. State or Nation is better than the morals of its women. What the coming generation if we represent woman-all that is had-being spurned at the foot of a big, husky male, who is supposed to be illy ture that Mayor Hylan and Mr. Smith

Miss Sires then attacked the Rev. Dr. Guthrie. She said:
"I have listened with interest

the reading of a letter from that gentleman from the Bowery. This is the same gentleman who, in sorder to praise his Maker must bring lovely women into his church. He cannot graise his Maker unless he turns his church into a theatre. In view of the strange views , this gentleman from the Bowery has on the question of religious worship. I do not think his letter on art should carry much are us weird as his concepts on wor-

The letter from Dr. Guthrie, rector of St. Mark's in-the-Bouwerie, in a letter to the Estimate Board, referred

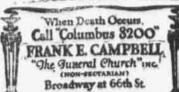
"All sculpture, of course, when it tiempts ideas, depends on estabshed conventions of expression on mythology and traditional mythology rsons who have never heard in Greek mythology of sirens are hardly impetent to judge Mr. MacMonnies'

"I do not see that this youth, representing our football hero, our av Wilkes-Barre, where she wired to him passed by the Legislature increased erage stalwart Doughboy, strong and nconscious, merely understanding his duty of which the Roman sword on his shoulder is the symbol trampling on any woman. He is marching cautiously forward gripping the ground with his toes to make sure of his footing; and mermaids are teempting to ensuare him with a net, which as it comes into view appears to be an innocent garland. From this the young man is atempting to disengage himself.

"If the women object to the sirens. eing half women why should not the uarium rise in revolt since they are nif fish-except that the fish have no

"Of course, temptation to the male appears as female. Would the women objectors object to Civic Virtue as a oman trampling on a 'male' tempta ion? Hardly. Unfortunately for the culptor, the doughboys weren't girls,

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and allowing the public to decide the fate. If the people say it's objec-tionable, take it down. In that event ve shall at least have been fair.' Robert Aitken, President of the

per of the National Women's Party, asked Mayor Hylan if a substitute for the MacMonnies faction or the people at large should select the new one and he had to typify Civic Virtue as nasculine, which it usually has been Mr. Hylan said the people generally down through the ages, even in would decide.

Rome once so famous for her ma-"I wonder if some of those opposing trons, and, of course, temptation has the MacMonnies statute," said Mrs. to be figured as, at least, partially Black, "are not Bolsheviks at heart who want to destroy art, history and fish would jeopardize youth-or any religion.

A defender of the MacMonnies group was the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors. It contended that the question of sex or franchise do not enter into the subject it all. It said the action of the Board of Estimate in holding public hearings sion was established by law all on the work of so eminent an artist thoughtful citizens rejoiced in the was deplorable and would hold the hope that genuine-works of art would city up to the public ridicule of the

propose to sumbit to it. Many good citizens are disturbed at the wide-spread disposition to evade and dis-FROM GAS INQUIRY BY COMMISSION

York would not submit to any further conferences with regard to gas prohow the theme could have been duction or distribution. He said the city would insist on a trial of the complaints made by Mayor Hylan at the suggestion of The Evening World and endeavor to save all possible time in the examination of the physical properties of the gas companies, to ascertain the original cost of the properties, their age, expected life and to reach a fair agreement of the

facts. Mr. O'Brien insisted that the commission direct the gas companies to produce the books and permit the city access to examine the plants and the

books. Mr. O'Brien reminded Chairman Prendergast that he appeared at the invitation of the Chairman of ommission to continue the conferences. He said he was confronted upon his appearance to-day with the presence of B. Meredith Langstaff, an assistant counsel to the commission, who attempted to preside over the conference. Mr. O'Brien asked that the Chairman of some other of the Commissioners present be gur moned. Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Pooley responded and Mr. O'Brien

made known the city's position. To this Chairman Prendergast said he was very glad to have the city's law officer there, but the conference he thought its proper setting should would continue whether the city's counsel remained or withdrew. Chairman Prendergast declared that further consideration would be given to the Mayor's complaints made about gas rates charged by the various com-Those who undertake to understand panies, and in the interim the city would be excused from further at-tendance and the conferences would proceed without Mr. O'Brien and his Deputy Comptroller Smith asked staff, on the assumption that the Mr. Cumnfings if he had seen the city's legal representative no longer ilhouette of Civic Virtue when it was wished to participate. Mr. O'Brien set up in City Hall Park about a and his alds left the room and the year or so ago. He replied that he conference proceeded without them.



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ings as well as the striped and plaided

